Long term appointments in Assistants Grade

6499. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) The number of ad-hoc Assistants as on 30th June, 1987 and the number of vacancies against which the ad-hoc appointments continued upto 10th June, 1992 i.e. the date of their regularisations in the Grade;

(b) the reasons for not making long term appointments during the Select List 1986 to 1988; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the ad-hoc promotions were/are not resorted to in Assistants' Grade because leave reserve posts are part of the authorised permanent strength in the Assistants' Grade against which substantive appointments are made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) As on 30th June, 1987, there were 51 ad-hoc Assistants. The number of vacancies during 30th June, 1987 to 10th June, 1992, however, kept on changing and, therefore, ad-hoc appointments were made/continued during the period, according to requirement.

(b) The Government discontinued the system of long term promotions in Assistants' Grade from October, 1988, in order to streamline the promotion process, and the Select Lists of Assistants for 1986 onwards were prepared accordingly.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Ad-hoc Assistants

6500. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Number of persons appointed against Direct Recruitment, Seniority Quota and Long Term basis during the Select List 1985 to 1989 in Assistants' Grade;

(b) the number of ad-hoc Assistants as on 30th June, 1987, 12th October, 1988 and as on 31st March, 1992; and

(c) the action taken to count the ad-hoc service rendered by them towards eligibility for all purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The year-wise Select List position is given below:—

Year	Direct Recruitment	Seniority Quota	Long Term
1985	9	15	12
1986	5	8	NIL
1987	6	18	NIL
1988	6	14	NIL
1989	46	129	NIL

(b) 51 as on 30th June, 1987
38 as on 12th October, 1988
135 as on 31st March, 1992

(c) Statutory Rules do not provide for counting of ad-hoc service towards eligibility for all purposes. The matter is also sub-judice.

Air Stations at Kurseong and Siliguri

6501. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are undertaking developmental projects of AIR at Kurseong and Siliguri;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of ongoing projects of All India Radio in Kurseong and Siliguri are given below:

Sl. No.	Place	Schemes
1.	Kurseong	50 KW SW Transmitter in place of 20 KW SW Transmitter.
2.	Kurseong	1 KW MW Transmitter (New Provision)
3.	Siliguri	2×5 KW FW Transmitter for commercial channel (New Provision)

(c) Does not arise.

Bid to Curb Expose of Air

6502. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' Bombay, dated the 28th January, 1994 under the caption 'Bid to curb expose of AIR' stating therein about the affairs of AIR station in Kozhikode; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Photography inside All India Radio is strictly prohibited under the Official Secrets Act. Some photographs of important structures/installations of AIR station were exhibited in a very conspicuous place in the city of Kozhikode. Such exhibition of photographs taken unauthorisedly from a prohibited area is a threat to the security of AIR station.

A journalist and an AIR official were arrested by the local police in connection with taking the photographs unauthorisedly, in violation of the Official Secrets Act. The AIR official was also placed under suspension.

Employees of AIR and Doordarshan in Madhya Pradesh

6503. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise employees in Akashwani and Doordarshan Kendras in Madhya Pradesh as on date;

(b) the number of employees out of them, belonging to Scheduled Tribes and Adivasis and whether SC/STs' quota has been filled up as per the reservation quota norms; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill-up the quota as per the reservation norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) The category-wise details of the number of SCs and STs working in AIR and Doordarshan are furnished in Statement I&II respectively (See below). Reservation norms are being followed while making appointments. Wherever there are backlog vacancies of SC/ST, special efforts are also made to fill up the same in accordance with the Government instructions.

Statement-I

Statement of Category-Wise Employees in Air Stations in Madhya Pradesh

Category of post	General	SC	ST	Total
Group A	48	3	3	54
Group B	118	18	9	145
Group C	569	122	101	792
Group D	156	102	70	328